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SNOW DAY ■ Team Yokota awakens to six inches of snow Monday

By Senior Master Sgt. Gordon Van Vleet
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Public Affairs

Old man winter paid a visit to Yokota Sunday night and Monday dropping six-plus inches of snow putting the air base into limited operations, shutting down the schools and giving many base workers and children an extra day to their weekend.

Although Yokota went into limited operations, the base never closed, said Maj. Stephen Clutter, 374th Airlift Wing public affairs officer. "Mission essential people and emergency services workers braved the roads and kept Yokota from shutting down."

"The airfield was still operational for emergency medical C-9 flights," said Staff Sgt. Donald Hanson, 374th Operations Support Squadron airfield management. "The runway was put into limited operations at 6 a.m. Monday for most of the day, he said."

Yokota's bout with Mother Nature was short lived as climbing temperatures soon turned the white blanket of fresh snow into

slush-covered streets and walkways by late afternoon.

The security forces reported a significant number of stuck vehicles and run-ins with ditches, but no increase in minor accidents giving a good testament toward base residents ability to weather the snow.

Although snow at Yokota isn't a common sight, it isn't entirely unusual, said Maj. Jeff Stewart, 374th Operations Support Squadron weather flight commander.

Yokota seemed to take the brunt of the snow storm whereas Camp Zama received only a few inches of the white powder and Yokosuka Naval Base didn't get any accumulation at all, said Stewart. "We do get, on average, about 12 inches of snow a year; three in January, six in February and three in March," he said. "We've also had some months with a lot of snow. The record for January is 25 inches, 20 inches in February and 23 inches in March. However, this is the biggest single snowfall we've received since Jan. 1998."

The Jan. 15, 1998 storm left
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Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Gordon VanVleet

Hailey Murphy and Luisa Castelli take advantage of the day off to build a fort while Luisa's dog, Maxine, watches intently.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Alan Williams

Crews went to work before sunrise to keep Yokota's runway open and streets passable.



Photo by Capt. John Sheets

Billy Withers rounds out his snowman's body before adding the face and arms.

Director of Personnel Lt. Gen. Peterson visits Yokota

By Staff Sgt. Alan Williams
Fuji Flyer Editor

This week's snow fall at Yokota may have kept some folks home on Monday, but it didn't stop Lt. Gen. Donald Peterson, Air Force deputy chief of staff for personnel, from talking about strides the Air Force is making in retention and quality of life issues throughout the force.

Peterson, who stopped at

Yokota Sunday and Monday as part of a tour of Pacific Air Forces bases, had breakfast with squadron commanders and lunch with first sergeants answering as many questions as he could about various issues, including the Base of Preference program, personnel tempo and Aviator Continuation Pay.

BOP program

In trying to find more ways to improve quality of life for today's

airmen, many different concepts and initiatives have gained attention from Air Force leaders, he said.

"We were working toward a home-basing concept, and we tried to see if we could do that. Initially our chief was interested in trying to find more stability for our families," said Peterson. "We discovered that we couldn't meet all the requirements for people who wanted to be south of Inter-

state-10."

Instead they moved to revamp the BOP program.

"We decided we could do it for first-term airmen," said Peterson.

Presently, the Air Force Personnel Center reports a 97 percent satisfaction rate for first-term airman in the BOP program, but for career airmen the number is a bit lower due to all of the criteria that are considered for assignments.

PERSTEMPO

"PERSTEMPO is an individual's tempo – how much they are deployed," he said. So, we track personnel tempo by each individual, so we know how many days they have, and our goal is 120 days."

With the introduction of the Expeditionary Air Force concept to Air Force contingency planning, more stability for families

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Air Force unit fights San Diego fire



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Lono Kollars

CHANNEL ISLANDS AIR NATIONAL GUARD STATION, Calif. — **The 146th Airlift Wing, a California Air National Guard transport unit, sent 30 people and two transport aircraft to aid in the fire-fighting effort Jan. 3 against a wildfire burning east of San Diego. The Guardsmen began aerial fire-fighting operations against the Viejas fire in San Diego County shortly after a launch order was received late that morning. The airlift wing is operating two C-130E Hercules cargo aircraft equipped with the Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System. Each MAFFS unit has a capacity of 3,000 gallons of retardant. Retardant drops are generally made from an altitude of 150 feet. The Department of Defense, U.S. Forest Service and the forestry departments of three states jointly run the MAFFS program.**

ASYMCA extends its services to Pacific

By Tech. Sgt. Chris Haug
Headquarters PACAF

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii (PACAFNS) — To help make the Pacific region a better place to live, the Pacific Air Forces command chief master sergeant recently formed a partnership with the Armed Services YMCA of the USA to offer more support programs at command bases.

Chief Master Sgt. Ronald Crowl formed the partnership with ASYMCA National Headquarters in Springfield, Va., to improve the quality of life for Air Force and sister service members and their families throughout the Pacific region.

One of the services added provides for a part-time employee to manage the Friends of the Stork's Nest program at Kadena Air Base, Japan. The ASYMCA also purchased a van for the program's use. The paid employee will manage a home that hosts military members and their guests, whose premature babies have been admitted to the Stork's Nest, a neonatal care unit, at Kadena. The van will be used to transport the families from the home to the hospital.

Misawa Air Base, Japan, residents can now receive free childcare seats on loan from family support that were donated by

GEICO through the ASYMCA.

All nine PACAF bases have been added to the ASYMCA's "First Book" program. The program, managed through the base libraries, is designed to provide children with their first book.

One future program being evaluated includes a daily one-hour class for preschoolers teaching basic exercise techniques at Yokota Air Base, Japan. Families will take their preschool children to a Yokota Kinder Gym with equipment and instructor provided by ASYMCA. The chief expects this program to be operational late next year.

"The ASYMCA has historically helped stateside Army and Navy facilities with programs similar to what Air Force helping agencies offer," said Crowl. "However, over the years through continued budget and manpower cuts the Air Force agencies like family support centers have reduced some programs".

"I asked ASYMCA if they would consider helping PACAF improve the quality of life for the military members throughout our AOR (Area of Responsibility) with these programs and they agreed," Crowl said.

Crowl said the new partnership is the ASYMCA's first overseas venture in more than 20 years.

NEWS AROUND THE AIR FORCE & PACAF

F-22 Raptor: The F-22 program soared past another milestone with the first flight of an F-22 Raptor equipped with combat-capable avionics.

The successful first flight of Raptor 4005 from the Lockheed Martin facility in Marietta, Ga., took place Jan. 5.

The flight incorporated Block 3.0 software components, which provide functions such as radar

processing and sensor fusion, electronic warfare and counter measures, communication, navigation and identification, and pilot/vehicle interface. It was one of three remaining tasks required before a decision to start F-22 low-rate initial production.

Airborne Laser: Air Force officials said Jan. 5 they will request congressional approval to

reprogram \$38 million in fiscal 2001 funds to keep the Airborne Laser program, the world's first laser-armed combat aircraft, on track for a live-fire demonstration in 2003.

The money is needed to cover contractor tasks that must be conducted now but are not budgeted for until later years. The extra funds will also cover unforeseen technical adjustments that arose

during the program's current development phase.

DiBattiste departs: After serving on active duty for 20 years as an airman, noncommissioned officer and a commissioned officer, and the last 17 months as undersecretary of the Air Force, Carol DiBattiste has said goodbye to the Air Force and is returning to civilian life.

Her resignation is official Jan. 8.

"It has been phenomenal being part of the most powerful Air Force in the world," DiBattiste said. "I've had the best job anyone could ever imagine. We've got the best and brightest people serving this great nation. The Air Force has been my family since my first day at basic training nearly 30 years ago. Words can't describe how much I am going to miss it and our great people."

No. 1 Travel

Have you checked out the Yokota website lately? It has a new look and is jam packed with info! Get online at www.yokota.af.mil

IF YOU DRINK, DON'T DRIVE ... CALL 225-RIDE

This alcohol-related, single-car accident occurred on the East Side of Yokota Air Base near 374th Operations Support Squadron building Saturday.

Yokota officials established the 225-RIDE program last year to help prevent accidents like this one. The program operates 24-hours a day and has a non-retribution policy. Please don't hesitate to call for a ride after drinking. This accident could have been much more serious.

Don't drink and drive, call 225-RIDE



courtesy photo

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Yokota with 15 inches, paralyzing the base for more than a day.

Although the base received a significant amount of snow this time around, not every base facility was closed. Army Air Force Exchange Service stores were open as well as the main fitness center, food court, Burger King and Popeye's and all three AAFES Shoppettes.

The snowfall did result in some closures. Schools closed, including the adult education college classes, the base library, bank and credit union were also shut down and many non-mission essential base services were closed for the day.

But that didn't stop many of Yokota's future engineer's from taking advantage of one of nature's better building materials ... snow. Snowmen of all sizes sprouted up throughout most of Yokota's housing areas as youngsters of all ages took advantage of a rare Yokota snow day.

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should be on the horizon.

"It (Air Expeditionary Force) makes their schedule more predictable, which improves your quality of life," said Peterson. "It doesn't mean you're gone less. But it gives you a goal, so you have an idea whether it's going to be somewhere between 90 and 100 days, give or take four or five days travel time.

"That will give us some predictability. The way it will help, in terms of PERSTEMPO, is that we want to stick to this plan, so we asked the National Command Authorities to support us on these cycles. That's why we have organized ourselves into 10 AEFs."

Recently, congress approved this special-pay for military members who are deployed more than 401 days out of an approximate 2-year period. The pay would be equal to \$100 for every day a member is deployed beyond the 401 day total.

Aviation Continuation Pay

Retention of pilots has been at the forefront of force sustaining issues for the past few years. With changes in ACP program, retention

appears to be taking a turn for the better.

"The major change in Aviator Continuation Pay is the maximum that (an aviator) can be paid up front," said the general. "The total ACP was \$100,000 now it is \$150,000."

The other change is that aviators now have the option of taking 50 percent in a lump sum initial payment or opting for either 30 or 40 percent. This would leave a larger amount due to them on annual payments on contract anniversaries.

Exit surveys have indicated that ACP is a significant factor in the stay-or-go decision that aviators are making every year. The program, Peterson said, is helping "stabilize against the pull" from major airlines.

"It is a factor, because of the difference between the outside salary and the salary we can pay in the Air Force. There is a fairly significant amount. We find that

in many career fields in fact," said the general.

"We have spun a whole set of initiatives to increase retention and sustain the force. Those include raising our pilot training production to 1,100. In fact, in 1993 we got down to less than 500



photo by Staff Sgt. Alan Williams

Monday, Lt. General Donald Peterson, deputy chief of staff makes his selections at the Samurai Cafe. The Yokota First Sergeants Council joined the general for lunch

a year, during the drawdown. We are back up 1,100 a year and we have increased the active-duty-pilot service-commitment to 10 years, which will give us, not only

some extra years of service with those pilots, but also gives a good balance of experience ... in our squadrons which will help us there," said Peterson. "Also, it will put the pilots within the window to know whether they have made major or not."

Although last year the Air Force still had a pilot shortage, not one aircraft went unmanned. Staff jobs took the back seat to the cockpit. While other avenues were pursued to keep some rated experience in those staff positions. The Air Force has even begun to hire retired pilots as civilians to fill a number of staff jobs, the general said.

Yokota

Peterson said he was impressed with the quality of life improvements he has seen at Yokota, and praised the Facility Improvement Program funded by the Government of Japan for some of the best housing and facilities in the Air Force. He also praised Yokota's airlift mission, which he said is critical, in preserving peace and stability in the Pacific.

"Things must be good here," he said. "I don't see a lot of people clamoring to leave Yokota."

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Rumsfeld, Cohen discuss DoD transition in new administration

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5, 2001 — Defense Secretary-designate Donald H. Rumsfeld met with Defense Secretary William S. Cohen Jan. 5 in the Pentagon.

The two men discussed the transition from the Clinton Administration to the Bush Administration. It was their first meeting since President-elect George W. Bush selected Rumsfeld on Dec. 28.

DoD spokesman Ken Bacon said the men previously spoke on the phone.

Pentagon officials expect the transition to go very smoothly.

Bacon said the transition effort has been greatly accelerated by the fact that Bush chose someone "who has already been secretary of defense and knows a lot and has been following this issue very closely."

This is Rumsfeld's second tour of duty as the defense secretary. He served in the post during the Ford Administration.

Rumsfeld has also stayed very close to defense matters, having served as chairman of the U.S. Ballistic Missile Threat Commission. The Rumsfeld Report concluded that rogue nations could

threaten the United States with ballistic missiles topped with weapons of mass destruction. Two months after the report, North Korea launched a missile over Japan that underscored the threat.

Bacon said Rumsfeld and his team have met with people throughout the Pentagon. "And we have provided a lot of information to their transition team and made all officials they've requested available to them," Bacon said.

Rumsfeld went before the Senate Armed Forces Committee for his confirmation Thursday.

The Neighborhood Watch

This is the first edition of Neighborhood Watch, a weekly column designed to keep you in the loop about reported incidents and to provide you with information needed to maintain your safety while at Yokota.

Incident 1: Dec. 27, at 3:52 a.m., a Japanese National was detained at the Fussa Gate for Driving Under the Influence. The driver was transporting a military member to work on the installation. He was released to local police and the military member was released to his First Sergeant.

Incident 2: Dec 29, at 2:14 p.m., a dependent son of an E-6 assigned to Yokota Air Base was caught stealing at the BX #2. He put three compact disks inside his backpack and attempted to exit the store. He was caught by store detectives and turned over to Security Forces. During questioning, he admitted to stealing the three CDs. The case will be forwarded to the Youth Development Board for action.

Incident #3: Dec. 30, at 5:55 p.m., a GS-9

assigned to Yokota Air Base was stopped for Driving Under the Influence and Reckless Driving. The individual was seen driving off the road adjacent to the North Overrun. The driver was transporting four small children ranging in ages from one month to 11 years old. A Blood Alcohol Test was conducted with a result of .24, more than twice the legal limit. This individual will be walking for at least a year.

Incident 4: Dec 31, at 4 p.m., a dependent son of an O-3 assigned to Yokota Air Base was caught stealing at an off-base 7-Eleven. He took a Japanese magazine valued at 3050 yen without paying. During questioning, he denied taking the magazine. The case will be forwarded to the Youth Development Board for action.

The Neighborhood Watch

"Tip of the Week": When engaging in recreational activities at the Base Gym or the Natatorium, secure your valuables in a locker.

If you have any questions or suggestions for the column please feel free to contact the Security Forces Crime Prevention section at 225-7244/8183.



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PACAF Safety Awards

Congratulations to the Team Yokota members and Units who were recognized for their achievements in the Pacific Air Forces Safety Awards for Fiscal Year 2000.

Master Sgt. Elbert McClain, 374th Airlift Wing, won the Ground Safety Award and Safety Career Professional of the Year.

Staff Sgt. Lester Farley, 36th Airlift Squadron won the Koren Kolligian, Jr. Trophy.

374th Airlift Wing Safety Office won the Chief of Safety Special Achievement Award and the Air Force Chief of Safety Outstanding Achievement Award for Ground Safety, Category III.

374 AW was nominated for Flight Safety Plaque and the System of Cooperation Among the Air Force of the Americas Flight Safety Award.

All of the award winners will compete at the Air Force Level for further recognition.

Quarterly Awards

Company Grade Officer of the Quarter

374th Airlift Wing: Capt. Anthony Ingram

374th Medical Support Squadron

Tenant Unit: Capt. Mary Watkins

605th Air Support Squadron

Senior NCO of the Quarter

374th Airlift Wing: Senior Master Sgt. Phillip Erway

374th Transportation Squadron

Tenant Unit: Senior Master Sgt. Michael Baca

605th Air Support Squadron

NCO of the Quarter

374th Airlift Wing: Tech Sgt. Brian Anderson

374th Maintenance Squadron

Tenant Unit: Staff Sgt. Robert Laufer

Defense Finance Accounting Service-Japan

Airman of the Quarter

374th Airlift Wing: Senior Airman Amanda Hughes

374th Medical Support Squadron

Tenant Unit: Senior Airman Eric Roberts

PACAF Air Postal Squadron

Civilian of the Quarter

Wayne Godfrey, 374th Contracting Squadron

Japanese National of the Quarter

Eriko Fukushima, 374th Contracting Squadron

Adult Volunteer of the Quarter

Megumi Ashizawa

374th Medical Operations Squadron

Hit Travel

DFAS-Japan spreads a little Christmas joy to youngsters

Photos by Staff Sgt. Alan Williams
Fuji Flyer Editor

Right, a group of children have a round at musical chairs Dec. 16 at Yokota East Elementary School during the annual Defense Finance Accounting Service-Japan children's Christmas party. This year DFAS hosted 75 children from Yokota Air Base and Yuaen Orphanage. The children played games and they each received a gift from the DFAS resident Santa. (not shown) Below left, Ryota "Jimmy" Kyogoku and Akiko "Tek" Takashima, lead the children in singing Jingle Bells in both Japanese and English. Below right, Senior Airman Michelle Shean gathers the children to sing a few Christmas carols. Bottom right, Kevin Hazen gives a box a tilt to help one of the children choose his prize after loosing his seat in musical chairs.



A refugee Christmas

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan - Yokota recently got the chance to give a special Christmas gift to a large group of refugees.

About 250 adults and children visited the base Dec. 21. They were treated to caroling in front

of the wing Christmas tree, and refreshments at the Yujo Community Center. There the refugees were visited by Santa and balloon-making clowns.

More than 3,800 of those have been living in various refugee

centers across the Kanto Plain since Mount Oyama on Miyake Island erupted last June. One of the centers requested the visit to the base to give the refugees a first-hand look at American holiday traditions.

Right, Kentaro Suzuki, a refugee from Miyake Island, enjoys a balloon during his visit to Yokota. Left, visitors line up for free cookies and refreshments at the Yujo Com-

munity Center. Below left, Santa encourages Suzuki to sit on his lap. Below right, Santa gives Yuya Asanuma a candy cane. Bottom, Volunteers sing carols at the base chapel.



photos by Staff Sgt. Jeff Loftin





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Commander for a day wrap up

By Col. Mark Zamzow
374th Airlift Wing Commander

On my final radio show in 2000, I took a different approach. Instead of bringing in a couple guests to discuss a topic in which they were the subject matter expert and then fielding calls from the listeners, I used a “Commander for a Day” format.

The results were great with more calls than ever before! Here’s a paraphrased summary of what was brought up and the current status.

Heating at the Fitness Center. It is either too hot or too cold depending on which part of the building you’re in. Recommendation: Fix the existing system or bring in temporary, portable heaters similar to what we had set up in the food court. Response: CES has been working the problem with the fitness center staff and has a multi-part fix. The system had some leaks and motor problems which were fixed upon identification. They also did a full survey and discovered several exhaust fans necessary for the system had failed without anyone realizing the problem. These are fixed and most of the gym is working properly. They are continuing to work some areas (mens locker room for one) to get the right temperature.

Terminal Gate Entry. As you enter the Terminal Gate after crossing Hwy 16, the orange

cones that force an early merge to one lane are a problem. Recommendation: Remove them whenever safety and security conditions permit. Response: Currently, in view of the high volume of traffic at this location, the cones are removed during morning, noon and afternoon rush hours for a total of six hours a day (6:30 to 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.). When traffic conditions become more dense, these hours may be adjusted.

West Gate Entry. When you enter the West Gate after crossing Hwy 16 when coming home from work, too many cars are in the right line trying to get to the housing area, and not enough get across Hwy 16 while the light is green. Recommendation: Develop a “loop” through the curve toward the commissary that comes back around to the housing area. Response: The suggested loop toward the commissary area will still bring traffic back to the same intersection and may cause further congestion. In the short term, the opening of the new community center will ease the traffic situation by eliminating most of the commissary/exchange traffic and allow us to re-evaluate the problem and options. All drivers should remember that both lanes crossing Hwy 16 can currently continue straight ahead and merge just prior to the railroad tracks.

Marriage Paperwork. It is a bureaucratic nightmare for a U.S.

citizen to complete paperwork to marry a non-U.S. citizen, and it’s not the federal paperwork that is the problem. Recommendation: streamline the process. Response: The 374 AW Legal office has built a guide to help guide folks through the process and is available at Bldg. 315.

School Age Drivers. During the lunch hour, there are several high school drivers who routinely speed along roads between school and base restaurants. Recommendation: Get them to observe the speed limits and motivate them to eat lunch at school. Response: We’re teaming with Lee Kircsh, YHS principal, on this and also increasing traffic surveillance by security forces patrols.

Print the “Bad News” in Fuji Flyer. Yokota is a great base to live, but we know there are “bad things” that happen in the community, but we never read about it. If we knew more about the law enforcement problems, we could help alleviate them. Recommendation: Print more regarding law enforcement. Response: Just like we recently started a “UCMJ Results” section, I’m starting a “neighborhood watch” section in every other week’s Fuji Flyer that will summarize such community incidents. This will help make the community more aware of problem areas so they too can help improve the “culture!”

Mandatory Motorcycle Refresher. Although the

motorcycle training course at Yokota is a good one, a periodic refresher course would improve safety and awareness for motor cyclists. Recommendation: Develop a mandatory refresher. Response: A refresher course is already in place. Although not mandatory, an Experienced Rider’s Course is offered once each quarter for free and is open to anyone who has been through the basic Motorcycle Rider’s Course. More details can be obtained by calling the 374 AW Safety office at 225-7233.

Exercise & Fitness. The base needs to have mandatory, periodic fitness days. This would help get folks in shape and also enhance morale and unit cohesion. Recommendation: Have mandatory, periodic fitness activities. Response: I agree with your recommendation, but need to delegate that to unit level since unit missions vary so much. However, I will establish a Wing Exercise Day every quarter. The first will be March 16 (a day the runway is closed for minor repairs), and we’ll get all active duty 374 AW members to run or walk 5K, ride a bike, stairclimber, treadmill or swim for 30 minutes.

Thanks to the folks who called in with these recommendations on how to improve various aspects of Yokota. I plan on using this format more often in the future because I need the feedback on ways to fix things – and I certainly appreciate inputs. Please join me every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 7:30 to 8 a.m. on Eagle 810.

ACTION LINE 225-TEAM

action.lines@yokota.af.mil

The Action Line is your direct line to me. Use it if you have questions or comments about Yokota, which couldn’t be resolved by your chain of command. When you call, please leave your name and phone number so you can be reached if more information is needed.

Col. Mark Zamzow
374th Airlift Wing Commander



DUI Program

Unit DUI arrests: 0
January DUIs: 0
DUIs for the year: 0
DUI-free streak: 10

Punishment
.05-.07=14 days walking, 6 points
.08-.09=90 days walking, 6 points
.10 and above=one year walking, 6 points
Don’t drink and drive, call 225-RIDE
(All stats as of Jan. 9)

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Movies

The movie schedule is as follows:
Today — *102 Dalmations*, G, 7 p.m.; *Miss Congeniality*, PG-13, 9 p.m.
Saturday — *Blair Witch 2*, R, 6:30 p.m.; *Miss Congeniality*, PG-13, 9 p.m.
Sunday — *Blair Witch 2*, R, 6:30 p.m.; *Miss Congeniality*, PG-13, 9 p.m.
Monday — *Dr. T & the Women*, R, 7 p.m.
Tuesday — *Dr. T & the Women*, R, 7 p.m.
Wednesday — *Bedazzled*, PG-13, 7 p.m.
Thursday — *Cast Away*, PG-13, 7 p.m.
All movies and showtimes are subject to change without notice. For information, call 225-8708.

Commander’s Channel

The Channel 18 schedule is as follows:
Family views — Today through Thursday, *Good Vibrations*, a story about alcohol, drugs and self-esteem.
Air Force News — every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 3 p.m.

Modeling scout

A modeling scout from K&M Promotions will be taking applications for all ages Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Taiyo Recreation Center. For more information, call 227-7682.

Closed

The post office will be closed Monday in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday. For more information, call 225-7220.

Road closures

There will be half-road closures on Davis Street near Bldg. 708 and 714 from Tuesday through Jan. 19.
There will also be a full-road closure on Davis Street near Bldg. 714 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 20-22.
The closures are necessary to install new storm drains. Exercise caution and follow the flagmen’s directions. For more information, call 225-2524.

Scholarships

High school students of active duty, reserve component, and retired military members can win scholarship awards worth at least \$1,500 each thanks to the new Scholarships for Military Children program sponsored by the Defense Commissary Agency and the Fisher House

Foundation.
Students need a minimum 3.0 gpa to apply and must write a short essay on “What being a military dependent means to me.” Completed applications and essays must be returned to the student’s local commissary before Feb. 15.
Applications can be downloaded from the Internet at the DeCA web site <http://www.commissaries.com> or applications can be picked up at the local commissary.

Antiterrorism briefing

The antiterroism and counterintelligence briefing for Thursday has been re-scheduled for 9 a.m. Jan. 25 in the base theater. For more information, call 225-4825.

Volleyball meeting

A meeting will be held for all interested in officiating and keeping score for the upcoming intramural volleyball season. The meeting is Jan. 25 at 8:30 a.m. in the DSRJ unclassified classroom, Bldg. 803A.

Protestant women’s

The Protestant Women of the Chapel invite you to Disciplines of a Beautiful Woman Jan. 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the west chapel activity room. There will be a guest speaker and workshops on beauty, crafts and other women’s interests. Cost is \$5. Lunch is provided. Register no later than Jan 21. Call Chaplain Forman at 225-7009 for more information.

Baby care basics

A family advocacy program workshop on baby care for new parents is scheduled for Jan. 25. The program will teach basic infant care, infant communication and the parent-child bond. Call 225-3648 to register.

Parenting workshop

This six-part workshop teaches parents positive ways to deal with kids’ problems, build communication, utilize effective discipline and foster loving relationships. Separate classes for parents with teens and children. Classes run from Tuesday through Feb. 20. Call 225-3648 for class times and registration.

Anger management

A six session education workshop promoting ways to deal with anger in a more positive way and also learn how to handle other peoples’ anger is held Wednesdays

from 1-2:30 p.m. Call 225-3648 to register.
Teen Issues Group
A group for young men and women ages 13 to 18 to help cope with individual pressures, and peer, family and interpersonal relationships is held Mondays from 3-4 p.m. Call 225-3648 for more information.

Women’s Group

This program focuses on helping women improve their self-esteem through personal growth. The group discussions cover issues related to marriage and family conflicts, anger management and self-awareness. The group meets Thursdays from 9-10:30 a.m. Call 225-3648 for more information.

Home schooling

For people who are interested in home schooling their children there is a pilot program called IDEA. IDEA offers many benefits including financial and educational support for each child, free Internet access and the use of a new IBM-compatible computer in the home.
For more information, call Renee’ Van Druff at 227-5672 or e-mail markandna@juno.com.

Extended child care

Yokota’s Family Child care program has subsidized extended care for on-base mission related duty, extended duty days, temporary shift changes, rapid mobilization and deployment. For more information call 225-8192.

Teen line

Teens who are faced with an issue or concern can call 225-TEEN and speak with a trained volunteer Monday through Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information call 225-6207.

Lifeguards needed

Lifeguards are needed for the Natatorium. Stop by the NAF Human Resource Office in Bldg. 316 to apply or call 225-6133 for more information.

King crab delight night

Enjoy an all-you-can-eat Alaskan king crab dinner at Tama Hills Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$35. The regular dinner menu is also available. Call 224-3421 for reservations.

Deli open

The Firehouse Deli is now open for business at the new Taiyo Recreation Center and has been re-named the Taiyo Deli. Stop by and enjoy a huge portion of lasagna, the sandwich bar and much more. The Taiyo Deli is open Mondays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Call 225-7474 for more details.

Teen dance

Meet teens from across the Kanto Plain at the Kanto Plain Teen Dance, Jan. 20 at the Yokosuka Teen Center. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members and includes transportation to and from Yokosuka.
Sign up at the Yokota Teen Center or call 225-6793 for more details.

Teen Center hours

New hours for Yokota’s Teen Center began this year. The new hours of operation are: Monday through Thursday, 4:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 4 to 10:30 p.m. Holidays from noon to 6 p.m., closed Sundays.
For more information, call the teen center at 225-6793.

Japanese story hour

The base library holds a Japanese story hour every second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. Children of all ages can enjoy traditional Japanese stories.
Call the library at 225-7490 for more information.

MLK event

The base library will hold a MLK birthday celebration event Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and enjoy free sandwiches, soda and a showing of a biography of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Postage increase

Effective Jan. 7, postage for first class letter mail increased to \$.34.

Lounge Attendant

The Yokota USO is seeking a lounge attendant to oversee the terminal lounge facility. Duties include maintaining cleanliness and orderliness, enforcing policies and providing service to patrons. Applications are available at the USO office in building 4018.
Call 225-2087 for more information.

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Baby crib — For baby due in late Jan. or early Feb., preferably dark wood in good shape. 227-5842.(1)

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Mandarin tutor — Native speaker preferred. 227-4031.(1)

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Hamster — With cage, free to a good home. 227-2410.(1)

FREE freshwater fish — All fish must go! Bring your own bucket and I'll supply the water. 227-2497.(1)

Piranhas — Three adults, \$60 each or \$150 for all; 20-gallon aquarium, \$60. 227-9770.(1)

YARD SALE

PCS Sale — Saturday, Tower 2000 Apt. 3E 9-3 p.m. Dining table and chairs makeup vanity, baby crib, microwave and much more. Call 227-2545 for info.(1)

FOR SALE

Telephone line — Off base phone line \$400 OBO, call 042-832-4445.

Diapers — Five packs of Preemie Diapers \$5-a-pack, call 227-2627.

Miscellaneous — Full size bed and night stands, kitchen table and chairs, Keenwood stereo with speakers, 2 small TV stands, fish tank stand. Call Robert at 227-4424.

Miscellaneous — Weight bench and 145 pounds of free weights, \$100; dumbbells, 152 pounds, \$35; Sit-N-Stand

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Miscellaneous — Telephone line, \$350; portable electric heater, \$10; 17 or 19-inch, without remote, \$15; air conditioner with heater, \$150. 090-9856-7967.(1)

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Miscellaneous — 17-inch 5 series BMW A/C Snitzer rims, \$900; 5 series BMW brake pads and rotors, new, \$300; both for \$1,000. 090-8683-6337.(1)

Mountain bike — Men's brand new mountain bike, never been used, 26-inch wheels, 18.5-inch frame, \$100. 227-4275.(1)

Miscellaneous — Computer desk, \$80; TV/VCR corner cabinet, \$50; tall white storage cabinet, \$45; blue rug, \$40; 3-piece wall unit with glass doors, cream color, \$120; picnic table, \$20; large air conditioner, almost new, \$400; two small air conditioners, \$175. 227-2366.(1)

Miscellaneous — Pioneer Dolby Surround Sound receiver, \$175; Pioneer 100-disc CD changer, \$200 OBO; all excellent condition. 227-9590.(1)

DVD player — Hitachi, like new, \$120 OBO. 227-4029.(1)

Folding bike — 20-inch, brand new, one year guarantee, \$150. 227-5519.(1)

Furniture — 2-piece sectional, light green, less than 1 year old, \$550 OBO; black dining table and four chairs, in good condition, \$150 OBO. 227-2938.(1)

Miscellaneous — Children's skis, three sets, \$50 each; entertainment center, fits 27-inch TV, \$50; TY Beanie Babies; dirt bike tires, \$25; girls' Trek mountain bike, \$80; Toyota 4x4 16-inch Center Line wheels, \$100 each; aluminum 15-inch mag wheels for Toyota 4x4, \$75 each; long board surfboard, 10-foot, \$500; snow board with hard boot binding, down hill salom, \$150; JVC amp, 6 channel, \$50. 227-4169.(1)

TV — 25-inch General Electric, color, \$100. 227-2627.(1)

Miscellaneous — Sauder oak entertainment center, holds up to 54-inch TV, paid \$668, will sell for \$400; Gold Star 32-inch TV with PIP and full surround sound, \$300; rattan chair with foot stool, \$50. 227-8627.(1)

Home theater — Pioneer VSX-456 Prologic receiver, less than a year old, \$200. 227-9770.(1)

Miscellaneous — Futon couch, oak

frame, full size, \$150; student desk, Rubbermaid, gray, sturdy, \$50; Queen Anne style chair, green and gold leaf pattern, \$50; all excellent condition. 227-4789.(1)

Health Rider — Great condition, \$100 OBO. 227-4112.(1)

Sofa — Navy blue with sleeper, great condition, \$150. 227-5936.(1)

Kerosene heaters — Two, with pump and extra fuel cans, \$100 OBO. 227-5174.(1)

Air conditioners — One 18,000, one 12,000 and two 8,000 BTU, priced to sell, \$400. 227-8358.(1)

Miscellaneous — Off-base telephone line, \$400 OBO; Tank for gas grill, full \$15. 042-537-5953.(1)

Miscellaneous — Kenwood 7-disc CD player with allthe options and original remote, \$100; white stone table for livinf room with marble ball attached and glass top, \$100. 227-5366.(1)

Stereo — Aiwa CD/cassette stereo reciever system, still in box, speakers included, \$120. 227-4296.(1)

Miscellaneous — Two twin size headboards with frames \$50 each; bed guard rail, \$20; and 5-point harness toddler car seat \$40 OBO for all. 227-4227.(1)

Miscellaneous — TV, 27 inch, \$100; contemporary oak kitchen table with four chairs, like new, \$150. 227-2317

Video game systems — Japanese Playstation, has original and optional controllers, memory card, pistol controller and 10 games, \$300; Japanese Sega Saturn includes two controllers, two pistol controllers, one joystick controller and 33 games, \$400. 227-4932.(1)

Home stereo — Kenwood rack system, with owners manual, all in excellent condition, power amp, control amp, tape deck, CD player, surround sound processor, rear, left and right surround speakers, center channel, and two 5-way 7 speakers, \$1,000 OBO. 227-4932.

Miscellaneous — Baby toys, clothes for an infant boy and sit in saucer. Selling individually or as a group. Free VHS movie of your choice with purchase. 227-8370.(1)

Miscellaneous — Vortex cyclone bicycle, new, never ridden, complete with gyro and front and rear pegs, \$100; 20 gallon fish tank, all accessories, \$40 OBO. 227-8370.(1)

Electronic dictionary — Cannon Wordtank IDX-9600, electronic Japanese/English/Kanji dictionary with English and Japanese manuals, essntial for serious language study, \$80 firm. 227-2363.(1)

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Mattress set — California king size mattress and box spring, \$1,100. 227-4654.(1)

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Subwoofer — Polk Audio 50w powered, great sound from small speaker, \$200. 227-3204.(1)

Speakers — Bose acoustimass 5-speaker system with 2 black floor stands, \$250. 227-3204.(1)

Air conditioners — One large unit, one small, make offer. 227-9897.(1)

Miscellaneous — 18,000, 12,000, and 8,000 BTU air conditioners, all for \$400; awning for 3-bedroom garden house, \$200 OBO; white picket fence, \$75; battery for van, \$15; new sociology book, \$60 OBO; high chair, \$5. 227-9970.(1)

Car stereo — Orion 520 amp with one 12 inch speaker, two 6 inch and twoo 3.5 inch speakers, all hardware included, \$500. 227-9444.

Furniture — California king bedroom set, \$1,800; table and chairs, \$250; 3-piece black entertainment center, \$450. 227-9444.(1)

Miscellaneous — Four 12,000 BTU air conditioners, \$100 OBO each; 105-feet of privacy fencing, \$600 OBO; patio awning, \$100 OBO; gas lawn mower with mower garage, \$150 OBO; patio furniture, \$125 OBO; all items are in excellent condition, must sell. 227-7352.(1)

Air conditioners — 12,000 BTU, \$200; 10,000 BTU, \$150; 5,000 BTU, \$100; all for \$400. 227-2542.(1)

Air conditioners — 10,000 BTU, \$100; 18,000 BTU, \$150. 227-9817.(1)

Miscellaneous — Cirwin-Vega tower speakers, \$200; K2 157 Farmer snowboard, \$50; 13-inch TV with remote, \$50; Kenwood tuner, \$100; Kenwood 5-disc CD changer, \$100; Kenwood bookshelf stereo system, complete with five speakers, 3-disc CD changer, tape deck, hardly used, \$200. 227-4249.(1)

VEHICLES

1989 Toyota — Celica, JCI until Nov. 2002, 4-wheel steering, Sony 10-disc CD changer and digital sound processor with remote, \$2,500 OBO. 227-4068.(1)

1992 Toyota — Ceres, JCI until Nov. 2001, tape deck, climate control, new battery, good tires, excellent mechanical condition with good fuel mileage. \$2,600 or reasonable offer. 227-5897 or 227-5824.(1)

1994 Honda — NSR 250cc, less than 5,000 miles, key card ignition, very fast, sharp bike, like new, \$3,500 OBO. 090-7417-7338.(1)

1999 scooter — Jog, 9,000 K, \$500. 0428-22-8690.(1)

1993 Toyota — Corolla, standard, 4-door, A/C, AM/FM cassette, JCI until Oct. 2002, good condition, very dependable, 39,829 K, \$2,500. 090-9856-7967.(1)

1991 Honda — Concerto, 4-door, low kilometers, A/C, power windows and locks, automatic with overdrive, extremely clean, two years JCI, priced to sell, \$1,800. 227-4070.(1)

1999 Suzuki — Inazuma 400cc motorcycle, looks new, low mileage, black, JCI until Oct. 2001, \$3,500. 090-3472-4084.(1)

Toyota van — Town Ace, very reliable, power locks, windows and brakes, dual A/C, hot/cool box, extremely low kilometers (29,000), excellent for touring Japan, a must see, \$2,600 OBO. 227-4070.(1)

1996 Kawasaki — ZRX 400cc motorcycle, good condition, JCI until Oct. 2002, \$2,700. 090-3472-4084.(1)

1991 Toyota — Carina, A/C, AM/FM stereo, JCI until Nov. 2002, in very good condition, dependable, \$2,000 OBO. 227-7352.(1)

1993 Toyota — Celica GT-R, 5-speed, black, 16-inch wheels, ANK muffler, \$3,500. 225-9008.(1)

1991 Mitsubishi — Diamante, black, automatic, power everything, 52,000 K, CD, radio, JCI until May 2002, excellent condition, \$3,150 OBO. 227-4428.(1)

Isuzu — Gemini, Geo Storm, yellow, great condition, Alpine, power everything, sun roof, JCI until Aug. 2002, \$3,500 OBO. 227-4127.(1)

1984 Toyota — Lite Ace van, JCI until Sept. 2001, \$500 OBO. 227-2542.(1)

1989 Nissan — Sunny, gray, 4-door, automatic, A/C, power windows, locks and mirrors, excellent interior, runs great, JCI until Nov. 2002, must sell, \$700 OBO. 227-8269.(1)

1998 Toyota — Crown, white, 4-door, front and rear A/C with cooler box, all power, automatic, AM/FM cassette, good condition, \$996. 263-7605.(1)

1988 Toyota — Vista, automatic, 4-door, well maintained, runs great, JCI until May 2001, priced to sell, \$600 OBO. 227-8358.(1)

1987 Toyota — Hilux Surf SSRI Limited Edition, 4-wheel drive, automatic with power option, sun roof, AM/FM cassette, power windows and locks, electronic fuel injection, gray interior, black exterior, runs great, \$3,000 OBO. 227-5902.(1)

1983 Nissan — Preser, outstanding condition, JCI until Jan. 2003, A/C, cassette, power everything, rear defrost, new front tires, \$2,200. 042-535-9764.(1)

1988 Honda — Civic, blue, 2-door, chrome rims, CD, power windows, clear lenses, JCI until Aug. 2001, \$3,000 OBO. 227-7913.(1)

1990 Honda — Prelude SI, 4-wheel steering, JCI until April 2001, 2-door, automatic, silver, A/C, CD, cassette, power doors, locks, sun roof, cruise control, \$1,600 OBO. 227-2787.(1)

1999 Honda — CBR900RR, red, white and blue, 5,000cc, European model, mint condition, \$8,500 OBO. 267-6238.(1)

1992 Lexus — ES-300, power everything, remote start, leather interior, V-6, excellent condition, JCI until April 2001, \$5,500 OBO. 227-6661.(1)

1986 Isuzu — Gemini, JCI until Nov. 2001, CD, new tires, 88,000 K, \$900 OBO. 227-4673.(1)

Nissan — Cefiro, excellent condition, \$2,700 OBO. 227-9089.(1)

1992 Toyota — Sprinter, JCI until Feb. 2001, \$2,000 OBO. 227-9817.(1)

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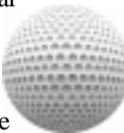
“If you don’t know what you’re doing, you keep making the wrong mistakes.”

Yogi Bera
MLB legend



Martin Luther King, Jr. 5k run: There is a 5k run Saturday at Yokota Field. The showtime is 7:30 a.m. and the race begins at 8 a.m. For more information, call 225-8881.

Golf lessons: Tama Hills Golf Course and the Par 3 course both offer personal golf lessons for all ages. For more information, call the Par 3 at 225-8815 or THGC at 224-3426.



Personal trainers: The Main Fitness Center now offers consultations with personal trainers for people 18-years-old and up. To sign up or for more information, call 225-8881.



Skiing: Outdoor Recreation is offering a special over-night ski trip to Hakuba, in the Nagano region famous for the 1998 Winter Olympics. The cost is \$275 per person. If a group is less than three people the cost \$285. Fees include two nights lodging, four meals and two all-day lift tickets, transportation and equipment rental to exclude clothing rentals. For more information, call 225-4552.



AMERICA'S AIRLIFT FORCE IN THE PACIFIC

FUJI SPORTS

Teen bowler rolls 2 perfect games

By Staff Sgt. Jeff Loftin
374th Airlift Wing
Public Affairs

A small crowd gathered to watch with great anticipation. A base teen had bowled 11 strikes in a row and was one strike from a perfect game. Nearly everyone in the alley stopped bowling and watched to see if this 15-year-old could achieve a feat most never accomplish in a lifetime.

Dennis Keslar set up, looked at his ball then the pins, and let her go. Like rest of the game the ball hooked right into the pocket sending the pins crashing down and people jumping to their feet. His dad let out a yell of joy. He had done it.

“I was shocked,” said Dennis. “I couldn’t believe it myself, but it was up there and I did it. I couldn’t believe it at first, going up that high with strikes. I’ve done like four or five before, but not nine or 10. It was weird. I was getting real nervous towards the end of the game. My mom kept on telling me to calm down and just roll the ball.”

“I told him to just bowl one frame at a time,” said Donna Keslar, his mom. “Not to look at the other ones, just to concentrate on that one frame. He would bowl, be real consistent, strike, sit down and just kind of shake that one off. It was really something to watch.

“It was like a little robot watching him,” she said. “He would go out there and stand in

the same spot each time and bowl the same ball every time. It was like a machine doing it. He would sit down every time and put his head down. I would pray for calmness for him because I knew what I was feeling.”

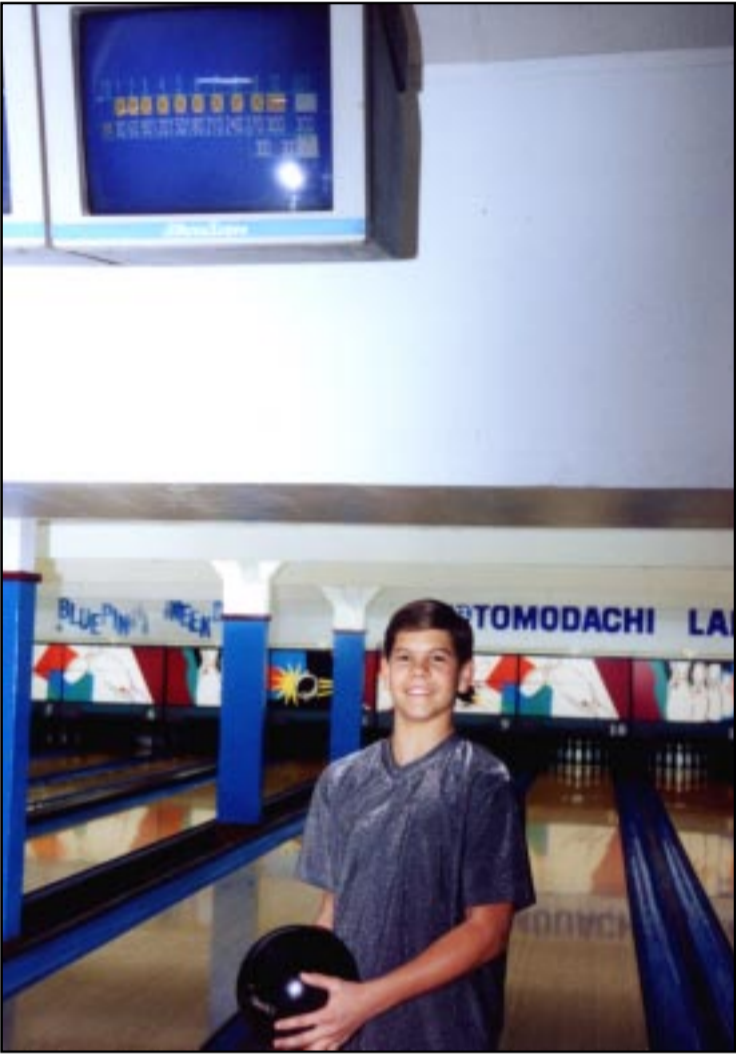
Dennis was right on the money with each ball, but he had one close call during the game. In the ninth frame his ball tottered on the edge of the gutter for a few seconds before curving back in and striking the pocket. What had started out as a relaxing game of bowling on a late holiday evening had become a highlight in the teen’s life.

But this wasn’t just a fluke. Proving it more skill than luck Dennis repeated his performance the next day. Two perfect games in two days.

Skill like that has to be developed and Dennis is no exception. His grandpa visited for a few months last summer and helped him perfect his game.

“Growing up as a kid I thought it was normal for people to bowl consistently in the 270’s or 280’s,” said Mrs. Keslar. “My dad always bowled high. He was on three or four different leagues. When he came out this summer he helped Dennis with the curve ball. He was definitely a big influence. When he was here in May and June they went bowling often.”

“I used to bowl a straight ball until I got here,” said Dennis. “Then I started using a hook and grandpa taught me how to



courtesy photo

Dennis Keslar, 15, poses with the house ball he used immediately after bowling his first perfect game. Keslar achieved every bowlers goal Dec. 22 at Tomodachi Lanes in his third game of the evening. The next day he again rolled 12 strikes in a row.

use it more.”

When asked what advice he would give to other bowlers, he jokingly replied, “Get your own grandpa.” Then said, “I try to hit between the one pin and the two pin. Put the ball down in the same place every time. Hook it the same way. I look at the ball and look at the pins, watch where I set the ball down, curve it and watch where it’s going. You have to

practice and follow through.”

To commemorate his first 300-point game, Tomodachi Lanes gave Dennis a pin from the game. They also allowed him to trade a ball he rarely uses for the Hammer 15-pound house ball he used in his two perfect games. Dennis is now considering whether he wants to further develop his bowling skills and turn pro.

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